

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 3

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By: **The Speaker (By Request – Governor’s Salary Commission)**

Introduced and read first time: January 21, 2010

Assigned to: Appropriations

Committee Report: Favorable with amendments

House action: Adopted

Read second time: February 10, 2010

RESOLUTION NO. _____

1 A House Joint Resolution concerning

2 **Governor’s Salary Commission – Salary Recommendations for Governor and**
3 **Lieutenant Governor**

4 FOR the purpose of ~~establishing the salaries to be paid the Governor and Lieutenant~~
5 ~~Governor, as directed by Article II, Section 21A of the Maryland Constitution,~~
6 ~~for the 4 year term of office beginning January 19, 2011~~ rejecting certain
7 recommendations of the Governor’s Salary Commission in accordance with
8 Article II, Section 21A of the Maryland Constitution for the 4-year term of office
9 beginning January 19, 2011, that address the salaries to be paid to the
10 Governor and Lieutenant Governor.

11 WHEREAS, Article II, Section 21A of the Maryland Constitution established a
12 seven-member Governor’s Salary Commission composed of the State Treasurer, three
13 members appointed by the President of the Senate, and three members appointed by
14 the Speaker of the House of Delegates. The Governor’s Salary Commission is currently
15 constituted as follows: Nancy K. Kopp, State Treasurer; E. Steuart Chaney, Barry
16 Gossett, and Robert R. Neall, appointed by the President of the Senate; and Howard S.
17 Pinsky, George L. Russell, Jr., and Konrad M. Wayson, appointed by the Speaker of
18 the House of Delegates. The Commission elected George L. Russell, Jr., as Chair; and

19 WHEREAS, Pursuant to Article II, Section 21A of the Maryland Constitution,
20 this Joint Resolution may be amended to decrease, but not increase, the salaries
21 recommended by the Governor’s Salary Commission. The salaries may not be
22 decreased below their January 2010 levels. If the General Assembly fails to adopt a
23 Joint Resolution in accordance with Article II, Section 21A within 50 calendar days
24 after introduction of this Joint Resolution, the salaries recommended by the
25 Governor’s Salary Commission shall apply effective January 19, 2011. If the General

EXPLANATION:

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken by amendment.



1 Assembly amends this Joint Resolution, the salaries specified in the Joint Resolution,
2 as amended, shall apply; and

3 WHEREAS, At the meetings conducted in December 2009, the Commission
4 evaluated gubernatorial compensation relative to a number of principles: growth in
5 the responsibilities of the office, compensation commensurate with the stature of this
6 high office, changes in the cost of living, maintenance of a reasonable differential
7 between the Governor's salary and of other major State officials in Maryland, and
8 acceptable comparability with salaries of the governors of other states. The
9 Commission selected tentative salaries for the two offices and solicited public views
10 regarding its proposals. Thereafter, the Commission made its final determinations
11 which are presented in this Resolution and discussed in the Commission's Report,
12 dated January 2010; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That pursuant
14 to Article II, Section 21A of the Maryland Constitution, the annual salaries
15 recommended by the Governor's Salary Commission be adopted as follows, to be
16 effective January 19, 2011, for the 4-year term of office:

17 Governor: \$150,000; and

18 ~~For the first year, \$150,000;~~

19 ~~For the second year, \$150,000;~~

20 ~~For the third year, \$155,000; and~~

21 ~~For the fourth year, \$160,000; and~~

22 Lieutenant Governor: \$125,000

23 ~~For the first year, \$125,000;~~

24 ~~For the second year, \$125,000;~~

25 ~~For the third year, \$129,167; and~~

26 ~~For the fourth year, \$133,333; and be it further~~

27 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of
28 Legislative Services to the Honorable Martin O'Malley, Governor of Maryland; the
29 Honorable Anthony G. Brown, Lieutenant Governor; and T. Eloise Foster, Secretary of
30 Budget and Management.